

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

## SOME LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Some of the letters from all parts of Sumter and adjoining counties.

## LETTERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Send your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Tuesday morning. When the letters are received Wednesday it is almost an impossibility to have them appear in the paper issued that day.

## News From Max.

Max, April 20.—Several from here expect to hear Pastor Mitchell and Dr. Cady of Greenville during this week, while they are preaching at Lynchburg.

The entertainment last Friday night at the closing of the Bayroad school was attended by a large crowd, the programme was carried out splendidly and reflected credit on all concerned.

The Norwood academy school closed Friday. Miss Smith will return to her home in Union today.

A splendid dinner and a game of baseball in the afternoon were the principal features of the picnic at Norwood's Saturday.

A few young folks spent a few hours in social games at Mr. J. A. M. Carraway's Saturday night.

Dr. H. T. Kirby and wife visited here and also at Olanza Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Kirby will go to Charleston today to visit her mother.

Mr. Gamble Moore lost a mule last week.

Farmers are about done planting cotton.

Dr. George McElveen who has been away several years is visiting relatives and friends at Shiloh and elsewhere.

## Whacky News Items.

Whacky, April 20.—Farmers are having lovely weather for their work. Corn that was planted early is growing finely and will soon be ready for work. Cotton is getting up nicely and will be to a good stand soon.

Oats are looking fine and is heading out in some places.

The prospect for a fruit crop is very good so far.

The health of our community is very good at present.

Miss Little DeChamps, of the Columbia Female college, came home Friday and is spending the Easter holidays with her father and family. She will return to Columbia on the 21st.

There was a picnic at Fields Bridge Saturday. A large attendance and a gay time was enjoyed.

## REMBERT.

Rembert, April 20.—Owing to heavy rains last week cotton planting was suspended for a few days, but all the planters hope to finish up this week. The rains were beneficial to oats and they are looking well.

The improvement league of Rafting Creek high school held a meeting to perfect final arrangements for the ice-cream festival and Easter egg hunt which is to be given at the school building next Friday evening, 24th inst., commencing at 5 o'clock, and continuing through the evening. I will again extend a warm invitation to any one who would like to spend a social evening with us.

The school here will celebrate their first commencement two weeks later, on May 15th, commencing about 7 o'clock. As this is the first commencement given by the new high school, will say the teachers have arranged a very attractive programme and the large addition is being fitted up for the occasion and the school extends a cordial invitation to all who are interested in higher education and to see the progress made by the school during the past session. An entertaining evening is promised and we hope to have a full house.

The trustees held a meeting at the school building last Friday afternoon and re-elected the present teachers, Prof. Crawther and Miss Annie Keels who have given the patrons and school entire satisfaction during the past scholastic term.

Mrs. S. Lee Young after a severe illness of over three months has recovered sufficient to leave the infirmary and is visiting relatives here for a few weeks.

Mr. S. Lee Young and Bert Blackwell of Sumter spent yesterday in the neighborhood.

Harry Bull of Wedgefield has been visiting friends for the past week.

## News Around Antioch.

Antioch, April 20.—We have had quite a little cool spell of it, but it was not cold enough to kill the fruit. Corn is up and cotton planting is the order of the day. Oats are looking well.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. James of Bishopville visited the latter's father, Mr. J. W. Weldon, of this place, on yesterday.

Messrs. Joe and Ned Richbourg

spent Thursday in Bishopville.

Mr. R. P. Weldon, of Heriots, spent Friday with Mr. T. A. White, of this place.

Rev. T. A. Collins of this place has been attending the meeting conducted by Rev. Leech in Camden.

Mr. Olin Munnerly is visiting his brother, Rev. S. W. Munnerlyn at Bethune.

Messrs. Marion Weldon and Lawrence White visited at Oswego on yesterday.

Miss Sadie White has been quite sick with pneumonia but is better now.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Peebles is very sick at this writing.

## Death of Mrs. Thomas.

Lynchburg, April 22.—All that was mortal of Mrs. Sallie Thomas relict of the late Porter Thomas, was laid to rest in the family plot in the Lynchburg Presbyterian cemetery on yesterday at 11:30 a. m. Rev. Wm. Knox of Mayesville conducted the funeral services in quite an impressive manner. The crowd from this place and vicinity augmented by a number of friends and relations from the deceased's home was evidence of the popularity and high esteem in which she was held here and at her home in Mayesville.

Mrs. Thomas was buried at the old church where she in her childhood days attended church and Sabbath school. In fact she held her membership, until a few years ago, in this church—the church in which her father, the late James Long, was a ruling elder. The deceased leaves quite a large family, with many, many friends to mourn her loss.

One touching scene at this interment was the presence of several old time family ex-slaves of Mrs. Thomas' father. These old darkies are fast passing away.

## ACTOR NOW EVANGELIST.

Mr. Robert L. Downing Speaks At Strawbridge Church.

"I am not telling you that I am better than you—there are hundreds better than this old converted actor," declared Robert L. Downing, the former actor and now evangelist, in Strawbridge Methodist Episcopal church last night.

"But if I live long enough, I am going to be as good as you are. I've given 50 years of my life to the world and I hope that I will be able to balance my account in the service of God. There are many homes in this city that would be filled with happiness if Christ were there.

"When you can speak a good word for Jesus do not stand back, but do it. Get your friends to invite to their homes the meek and lowly Jesus. See how I drifted away from God in my boyhood days. It is the old story. But come home to God when he calls you as little children. He wants you thus. I am only a little more than five weeks in my Father's house. I cannot tell you the Word of God like your pastor, but some day I may be able.

"Drink is the worst curse in the world, but, like other vices, there is a cure for it—to kneel at the altar of God and give yourselves up to God.

"I have taken a vow to serve the Lord as long as I live. Give me credit for being successful unless I prove myself a liar."

Mr. Downing spoke before the ministers' meeting in Strawbridge church earlier in the day.

## By-Laws of the Sumter Baseball Club.

Board of Directors shall meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights of each month during championship season, and at the call of the president.

Seven shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. Shall approve all bills to be paid by the treasurer.

2. Shall have authority to engage and release players and to control manager.

3. Shall not, without consultation with the Board of Directors, expend more than \$25 for transportation of any player, nor agree to pay any player more than \$125 per month.

4. Shall audit books of treasurer at least once per month.

5. Shall have charge of sale of privileges.

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

1. Have full authority on grounds at all times.

2. Shall attend to it that the grounds are in proper condition for playing.

3. Shall see to it that ticket takers and other assistants are provided regularly and promptly.

4. Shall be watchful of the conduct of the spectators and others on the grounds and of the comfort of spectators.

5. Shall not spend over five dollars without consent of directors.

6. Shall clear grounds of every one but officials and players.

7. Shall have charge of all advertising.

WM. BULTMAN,

WM. MORAN,

H. C. HAYNSWORTH.

## BLACK RIVER FISH FRY.

Mr. J. W. Allen, Manager of The Betts Lumber Company Delightfully Entertains a Large Number of Friends.

One of the most delightful fish fries of the season was pulled off Tuesday night at Black river, about 12 miles from Sumter.

The affair was a pleasant occasion tendered by the genial and whole-souled firm of C. M. Betts & Company, proprietors of the Betts Lumber Company of New Sumter, and their popular and big hearted manager, Mr. J. W. Allen, complimentary to a number of their friends in Sumter and in the territory adjacent to the Betts lumber mill.

Mr. J. W. Allen had several cars fitted up "a la Pullman style" and the 125 or more guests who had ridden out to the Betts mill about two miles from Sumter, in carriages, automobiles, buggies, and in various other vehicles were given a delightful free excursion ride from New Sumter to the "camping ground," where the generous hosts had provided a menu fit for the gods in the shape of fried fish, fish stew, barbecue, and other refreshments, liquid and solid.

The crowd was a typically representative Sumter aggregation, there being business and professional men, city and county officials, clerks, bookkeepers, financiers, teachers, merchants, lumber dealers, and others. The ride from the mill to the fish fry was over the lumber railroad of this company which the Sumter chamber of commerce is endeavoring to induce the Messrs. Betts to extend into Sumter. It was desirable before last night, from a commercial standpoint, to have this road extended into Sumter and made a freight and passenger line, but last night it was unanimously agreed that there were other and potent reasons why the railroad, the mill, and Messrs. Betts and Mr. Allen should be required to move into Sumter. The barbecue by itself would seem to have settled that part of the proposition, independent of business reasons.

The evening was pleasantly and profitably spent. Mr. Henry J. McLaurin, Jr., made a brilliant, patriotic, public spirited and historical speech, but the official stenographer was suddenly taken ill, and the general trend of the speech was lost in the noise of the whirling river, but the next time Mr. McLaurin makes a speech at one of these fries the Messrs. Betts are going to have a phonograph recording machine to catch his remarks. There were several speeches made and very much enjoyed. All of the guests expressed themselves as having had the time of their lives, and sincerely hope that the Betts people and Mr. Allen will get in closer touch with Sumter, commercially and socially, and they don't know of any better way to do these things than by repeating last night's programme.

## A Pleasant Picnic.

The Union Chapel picnic held Monday was a very pleasant and enjoyable affair.

The day was an ideal one, the Singleton grove an ideal place, and the feast was typical of the generosity of the friends who prepared and made the occasion such a pleasant one to the many who gathered there.

The day was diversified by songs, recitations and games of different kinds.

Evangelist Ely lent himself to the occasion and delighted the crowd by humorous as well as sacred songs. Mr. Small rendered appreciated recitations. Enjoyable instrumental music was furnished by local talent.

To the good women around there and to Mr. Robert Bradwell and Mr. Jos. Singleton is due a large measure of the success of the day.

## MCCOONER CASE ARGUED.

Attorneys in Sumter Homicide Case Ask for New Trial.

Columbia, April 21.—The supreme court yesterday heard arguments in the case of the State against Jack McCoomer of Sumter county, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for the killing of Fred Ballard near Manning. The argument was made for a new trial on the ground of after discovered evidence and a decision will be rendered shortly by the court. It will be recalled that McCoomer, alias "Campfire Bill," who was a negro attaché of the Cole Bros. circus, was convicted along with the business manager of the company, a white man, Geo. Spivens. Both were sent up for life and the latter obtained a new trial and was acquitted after the jury had been out only 20 minutes. Since then it is claimed that "Campfire Bill" was not the negro convicted and numerous affidavits are presented to show this.

Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador to Great Britain, and many other distinguished persons attended the Basque Peters arranged in Sare, France, in honor of King Edward. His maesty, who is sojourning at Biarritz, was prevented from attending however, on account of a storm which prevailed there.

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## FIRST BLOOD FOR GAME COCKS.

Dingle's Chickens Take Opening Game From Columbia Mechanics—Score 11 to 0.

Tuesday afternoon Dingle's Game Cocks started things off at a lively clip by taking the first game of the season from the Columbia Mechanics by the decisive score of 11 to 0. The visitors never had a show to score.

This was the first time that the local bunch has been together this season, and while some of the boys still have a little rough edge on and have not worked down to the fine point of perfection, still yesterday's exhibition was encouraging, for if such results can be accomplished without practice and team work, the prospects of another pennant under Dingle's management are most bright.

The best thing evidenced by yesterday's game was the ability of the little South Carolinian who is to engineer Sumter's baseball fortunes this season on the rough road to success. The boys all seem to like him and delight in working for him, and they know that his judgment is good.

The Game Cocks had the Mechanics completely outclassed. A runner pushed across the rubber in the opening inning and runners crossed the pan in nearly every other inning until 11 runs were chalked up. Lee, who pitched for the locals, was very effective. He allowed but five bingles and did not have to exert himself either. Williams, the Columbia twirler, was effective until the fifth inning, the runs made in the opening innings being the result of errors and slow fielding, but in that terrible fifth, he was walloped all over the lot. Three two baggers and three singles, one after the other, resulted in five earned runs. Some base stealing was going on at the same time.

All of the locals did well, especially Lee, Springs, Stephens, Dingle, and Murphy. Out of five times up, Springs got three safeties, one for an extra sack, stole four bases and reached first the other two times on hard hit infield balls that caused miscues.

Fetner and McPherson did the best work for the visitors.

## RESULT.

	R.	H.	E.
Sumter...	11	12	4
Mechanics...	0	5	7

Who got the hits for the game Cocks?

Dingle 2, Springs 3, Perkins 1, Murphy 1, Wells 2, Stephens 1, Lee 2.

Remember the Benefit for Daughters of the Confederacy at the Theatre Thursday.

## BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

Result of Games Played in the Big Leagues.

## South Atlantic.

At Jacksonville: Jacksonville 10; Charleston 9.  
At Columbia: Columbia 4; Augusta 4.  
At Macon: Macon 1; Savannah 0.

## American League.

At Boston: Boston 0; Philadelphia 4.  
At Detroit: Detroit 5; St. Louis 8.  
At Cleveland: Cleveland 5; Chicago 1.  
At New York: New York 16; Washington 13.

## National.

At Cincinnati: Cincinnati 9; Pittsburg 4.  
At Brooklyn: Brooklyn 1; New York 6.  
At Philadelphia: Philadelphia 1; Boston 3.

## STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Jacksonville...	8	1	889
Columbia...	5	3	625
Macon...	5	5	500
Savannah...	5	6	455
Augusta...	5	6	455
Charleston...	2	9	182

## LAST LYCEUM NUMBER.

Parland-Newhall Quartette Will Be Here April 29th.

The last number of the Lyceum course will be a male quartette known as the Parland-Newhall Company, taken from the name of its second bass and first tenor. This male quartette which has sung from Maine to California and has been greeted with enthusiasm everywhere, also does some work with brass instruments and in bell ringing, making a very varied programme.

This entertainment will take place in the opera house on Wednesday evening, the 29th of April at 8:30 o'clock. Admission to this will be \$1 for the orchestra and corresponding prices for other seats.

The election of Dr. C. F. Williams as State health officers created a vacancy on the executive committee of the State board of health which has been filled by Dr. W. Lester of Columbia. Under the act creating the office, however, Dr. Williams is still secretary of the board and will fill that office.

## THE CITY ELECTION.

The Regular Election Passed Off Quietly Wednesday.

The regular bi-ennial municipal election, which was held Wednesday, was a very quiet and unexciting affair. There was only one ticket in the field and all of the nominees of the Democratic primary were triumphantly elected, the total vote being 87. The following well known citizens will manage the affairs of the city for the next two years: Mayor—W. B. Boyle. Alderman—H. D. Barnett, Willie Bultman, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, H. C. Haynsworth, J. R. Ligon, W. G. Stubbs, R. L. Wright. Commissioner of Public Works—R. L. Edmunds.

## CIVIC LEAGUE RECEPTION.

The Civic League will hold an afternoon reception from 5 to 7 p. m., on Friday afternoon, April 24, at the Elks Club. Reports will be read of the work the club has done in the past year. A regular programme will be carried out of music and papers by this league, the Stateburg Rural Club, The Cultus and the Literary Club of Sumter. All members of the league are urged to be present. And all ladies of Sumter who are interested in the work of the Civic League and would like to cooperate, are invited to attend. This is to celebrate Reciprocity Day, and a large attendance is requested. The committee will do all in their power to make the afternoon a success.

## TEACHERS EXAMINATION.

The regular examination for teachers will be held at the court house on Friday, May 15, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m.

S. D. CAIN.  
County Superintendent of Education.  
April 20, 1908.  
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W. & S. 22-29-May 6.

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